

Students in Russian Schools Must Learn to Play Musical Instrument

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MOSCOW — Like it or not, school teachers here must play a musical instrument.

In the rooms of Moscow Pedagogical Technical School No. 2, there are 13 concert grand pianos, 200 violins, 46 cellos and six bass fiddles. Enrolment at

the school, which is training teachers for elementary classes, is 450 pupils, all but three of them girls.

Mikhail P. Bortkevich, 63-year-old principal, said: "Every student teacher must decide on registering whether he or she wants to play the piano or a stringed instrument. If a student cannot master one of these instruments he may turn to accordion or concertina, but after four years here he must be able to play some instrument."

MOSTLY GIRLS

With such a high proportion of girl students, principal Bortkevich said "medical tests are being made to determine whether reed instruments such as the flute, clarinet, oboe and bassoon are harmful to women and if not the plan is to add them to our curriculum."

The school, whose staff of 50 teachers includes a head of music and three music teachers, has a string orchestra of 58 pieces comprised of the better players.

This school is one of two of its type in Moscow and the students are being prepared for the time in 1960 when compulsory education will extend from its present seven grades to 10. By that time, too, 400 more schools will be open, bringing Moscow's total to more than 1,100.

Girls planning to become school-ma'ams in Russia start training for the job at 14 or 15 and are ready for their first teaching assignment at 18 or 19.

At the moment, students who have completed seventh year in a 10-grade school (Russia's combined public and high school) may try a pedagogical school's entrance examination. If successful, they undergo four years of teacher training.

BORROW BOOKS

In the school for teachers, students borrow text books from a 40,000-volume school library and may keep them for the year. They also draw on the library for reference material and supplementary reading.

By the half-way mark of their first year students must be members of the teachers' union. Bortkevich said 82 per cent of his students belong to the Young Communist League, from which the Communist party is recruited. In the present curriculum Marxist teaching is limited to study of the Russian constitution, history of Russia and history of the Communist party.

NERVOUS BEGINNERS

As in Canada, students visit other schools and listen to other teachers in action. They get their first practical teaching experience in an elementary school attached to the pedagogical school.

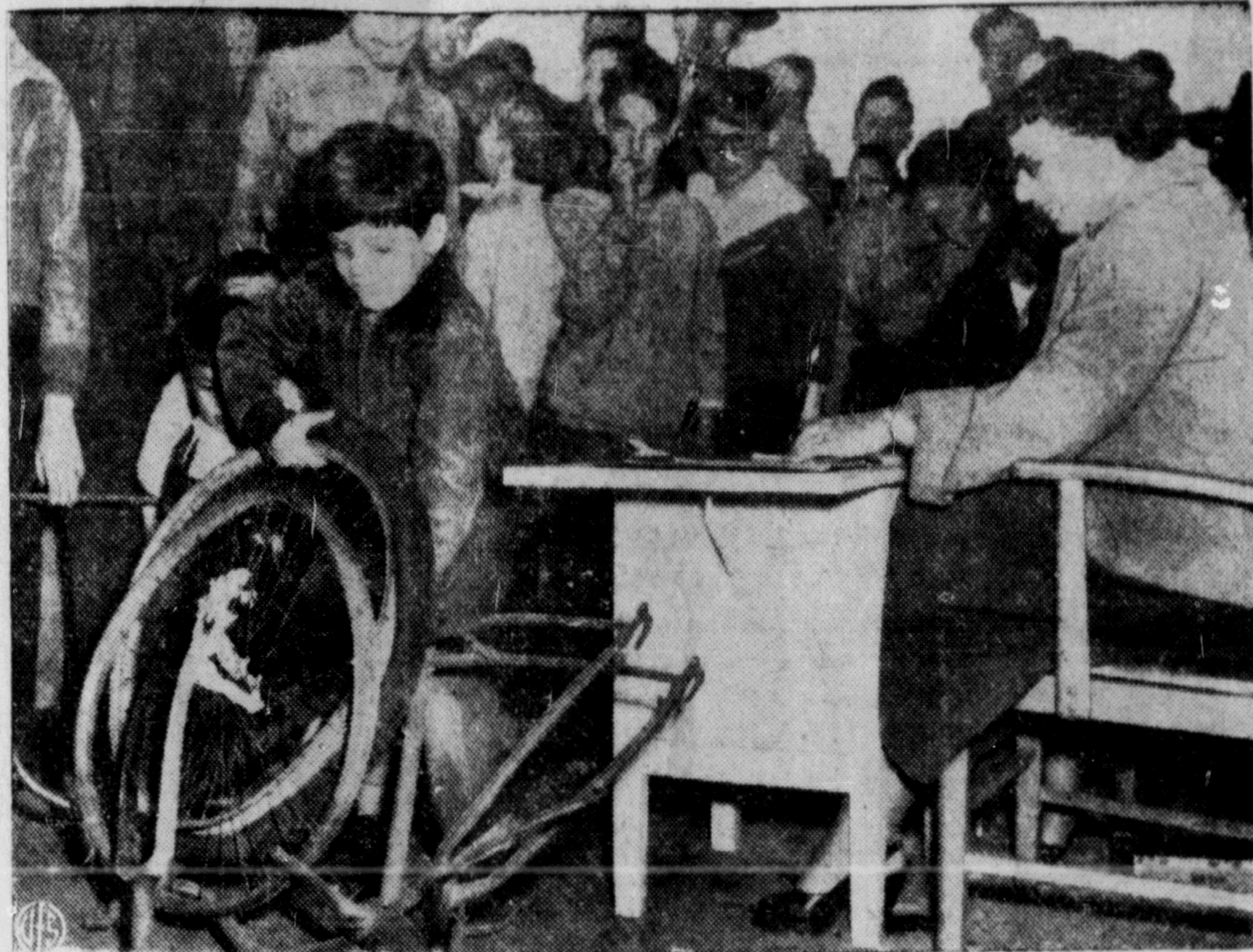
An article in the school's handwritten newspaper indicates that Russian girls are as nervous as Canadians about their first teaching experiences.

On graduation, the top 10 to 20 students go automatically to pedagogical institutes to qualify for senior-grade teaching. The others are assigned immediately to schools where they draw the 650 rubles monthly prescribed for Moscow's primary-grade teachers.

U.S. Tug Takes Over Tow Job

SEATTLE (CP) — The Coast Guard reported today the tug Salvage Chief from Astoria has taken over the tow of the freighter Aristotelis about 1,000 miles off the Columbia River mouth.

The ship, flying the Honduran flag, called for aid last week because of a low fuel supply.



HAPPY AS A MAN with his first Cadillac, 11-year-old Paul Milburn gathers up the loot he acquired for \$25 at a Redwood City, Calif., police auction of unclaimed bicycles. Nobody had the heart to outbid the boy, who, with his brother, assembled the parts into an as-good-as-new bike, in true American ingenuitive fashion.

RCAF Gets First Jet Simulator to Train Pilot A-Ground at Lower Cost, Less Risk

LONDON (CP)—British industry today turned over to Canada on schedule the first of 10 Sabre-jet flight simulators under production here for the RCAF at a total cost of \$3,500,000.

Air Vice-Marshal B. L. Campbell, head of the RCAF in western Europe, took delivery of the intricate trailer-truck ground training apparatus for pilots in

a ceremony at the London factories of Redifon Ltd.

Redifon won the contract in the face of stiff United States competition in July, 1952. Canada stipulated that the first of the completed units must be delivered within 18 months. Redifon met the stipulation today.

The electronically-controlled flight simulators permit pilots to become familiar with flying

problems without the high costs and hazards of flying.

Trainees enter a cockpit mounted in a 36-foot-long trailer which also contains an instrument panel and power unit. The cockpit is a faithful replica of that in the actual Sabre.

Using the instrument panel, the instructor can pose flying problems on the cockpit panel and see whether the trainee solves them through correct flying technique. The sounds heard in flight also can be reproduced.

The simulator training system is a change from the method whereby a pilot learned his theory on the ground and practised it in the air.

The simulator saves money and prevents needless crashes. It can be moved from airfield to airfield by truck and operates for about \$8 an hour. This compares with \$145 an hour for a Sabre in flight.

The first simulator will be transferred to North Luffenham, about 100 miles north of London, where Canada operates a wing of RCAF Sabre fighters.

B.C. HOTELMEN MEET WITH LIQUOR OFFICIALS

VANCOUVER (CP)—Thirty-two hotelmen from all parts of the province were scheduled to meet Liquor Control Board officials in Victoria today to seek clarification of the new Liquor Act.

American Prisoners Stayed 'Because They Fell in Love'

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD
TOKYO (AP)—At least nine of 21 United States prisoners-of-war who turned their backs on their homeland acted as stool pigeons for Chinese guards in North Korean prison camps, the United Nations command said officially today.

The nine were accused of informing on fellow prisoners. The UN command said of the 21:

Four expected to be punished if they return and were afraid to come back;

Five were sent to China during their captivity for further schooling;

Seven were either selected for or promised more schooling in China;

Five were considered weak and not sincere in their Communist beliefs.

Reasons they stayed with the Reds were: "They fell in love with Chinese women; they hoped to get something for nothing, and they were promised educations in China."

Twelve were "progressives" from the first days of capture and active in all kinds of Red activity in the prison camps.

ONLY ONE DRAFTEE

Twenty of the 21 were regular army men. One was a draftee. Three were artillerymen two were medical aides. There were two engineers and the rest were infantrymen.

One is the son of an army officer. Before entering the army, five were restaurant workers, four were truck drivers, three were mechanics or mechanics' helpers.

Queen Awards Decorations To Heroes of Train Wreck

INVERCARGILL, N.Z. (Reuters) — Queen Elizabeth bade farewell to the people of New Zealand tonight in a radio broadcast and told them she and the Duke of Edinburgh "enjoyed every moment of our stay."

The Queen, who leaves for Australia Saturday, said she and the duke depart "with sorrow."

"But we also look forward to the day when we shall once more be able to visit your shores."

She thanked the people for making her visit "so pleasant and so memorable," and concluded:

"May God bless New Zealand and watch over the destinies of her people."

The Queen's last day here was a crowded one. It included a civic reception and visits to Kew Hospital and Invercargill's Royal Agricultural Show, where she saw highland dancing competitions.

AWARDED MEDALS

While the Queen was here the government announced that she had awarded medals to four heroes of the Christmas Eve Tangiwai rail disaster, in which 136 persons were killed.

Arthur Cyril Ellis and John Warren Holman received the George Medal, Britain's highest civilian award for bravery, for saving 21 persons after five coaches of the express train plunged from a broken bridge into a flooded river.

Trainman William Ian Inglis and Arthur Dewar Bell, a passing motorist who joined the rescue work, were awarded the British Empire Medal.

Meanwhile, four Australian naval vessels left Sydney, Australia, today to meet the Queen's ship, the Gothic, midway across the Tasman Sea and escort her into Sydney.

The Gothic is expected to reach Sydney harbor at 8 a.m. Wednesday.

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